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FUNDS FOR FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kapil Sibal Committee constituted by the Central Advisory Board of Education has made any assessment about the requirement of Rs.3,21,196 crore during 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 to provide free and compulsory education to the age group of 6-14 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the other recommendations of the Committee;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the source from which the said amount is likely to be drawn; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Union Government to provide free and compulsory education to the age group of 6-14 years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.AA FATMI)

(a) to (e): The Kapii Sibal Committee had relied on the financial estimate prepared by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) to put in to effect the right to free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years, This financial estimate was based on four alternative scenarios, the lowest estimate being Rs. 37 21,196 crores and the highest Rs.4,36,459 crores over a six year period from 2006-07 to 2011-12. The financial estimate has since been revised by NUEPA in view of (a) the decline in the child population estimates projected by the Registrar General of India, Census, and

(b) the investments already made under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. The financial estimate now indicates a lower figure of Rs. 2,28,674 crores over a seven year period of 2008-09 to 2014-15. The objectives of universalization of elementary education are being addressed through the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme. The Central Government has in the last three years significantly enhanced the budgetary allocations to State Governments as part of its commitment towards universalization of elementary education.